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Princess's voyage at 82

PRINCESS Marie Louise, granddaughter of Queen Victoria, is leaving her unpretentious Mayfair house today for a 10-week voyage to South Africa and back. She is sailing in the new Ellerman liner, City of York, which will go round Africa to Beira on the East Coast.

The Princess, who was 82 last August, will spend much of the voyage working on her autobiography. She has so far written over 20,000 words of the book. In London she has a dictaphone for the job: arthritis makes it difficult to use a pen or typewriter with fluency.

Princess Marie Louise is our oldest princess and the most unconventional member of the Royal Family.

She works indefatigably for charities: very recently she made such a stirring appeal for donations that people attending a party in evening dress offered to give the clothes they were wearing.

On her present voyage she will be accompanied by Mrs. Hugh Adams, her friend and lady-in-waiting for 30 years. Mrs. Adams is also over 80.

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